23. *Offences.*—The detection work recorded in the report is good. The number of offences reported under the Excise and Opium Laws was 2,828 during the year as against 2,469 in the year preceding. Of these 581 related to heinous offences, 2,247 were minor offences relating to breaches of license conditions and cutting of date leaves. Of the heinous offences 228 related to illicit distillation against 128 in the previous year. As many as 144 cases have been reported from the Shimoga District and 52 from the Kadur District.

24. The percentage of disposals of cases departmentally by composition was better than last year, being 92·6 as against 88·1 in 1926-27. But the percentage of conviction by the Magistry fell to 72·9 from 84 in the previous year. There is need for the exercise of greater care by the Excise staff in the investigation of heinous cases.

25. *Inspection.*—The inspection work of the Excise Commissioner and of the Deputy Commissioners of six districts was satisfactory. The Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore and Kadur are requested to devote greater attention to this branch of work. The record of inspection of the Sub-Division Officer of Hassan and the District Excise Officer, Bangalore, is very poor.

The Excise Commissioner is requested to impress on all Excise Officers the necessity for a systematic and thorough inspection of shops and groves in their jurisdiction.

26. Government are glad to record that the administration of the Department during the year under review was satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Grants-in-aid for Homes for the relief of Destitute and Infirm.

READ—

Government Order No. 2159-60—Muz. 347-27-2, dated 29th May 1928, specifying the objects for which the savings secured by the abolition of Government Annachattrams in the State could be utilised and allotting a sum of Rs. 15,000 per year for making grants-in-aid to Homes for the relief of the Destitute and Infirm.

2. Letter No. 753 of 1928-29, dated 28th November 1928, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, requesting that, for reasons stated, he may be given an opportunity to examine the proposals coming up for help under the scheme sanctioned in the above Government Order and to express an opinion on the merits of each proposal.

ORDER NO. 1195-204—MUZ. 206-28-2, DATED 19TH DECEMBER 1928.

The Muzrai Commissioner's suggestion is approved. In continuation of the Order read above, Government are pleased to direct that all applications for help under the order should be sent to the Muzrai Commissioner for submission to Government for sanction, with his opinion thereon.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.